



AWC Rosetta Stone Language Elective

Air War College (AWC) Elective – Rosetta Stone

The purpose of the Rosetta Stone language elective for AWC Distance Learning (DL) is to provide students with an exposure to a foreign language. In February 2006, the Air Force Chief of Staff directed Air University (AU) to begin language instruction at selected AU schools and targeted four strategic languages: Spanish, French, Chinese (Mandarin), and Arabic. Since that time, we have added Russian, Pashto, Dari, Urdu, Swahili, Indonesian, and Arabic (Iraqi) as options to parallel the languages available in the AWC Residence course. If a student completed Rosetta Stone in Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) or another Professional Military Education (PME) school, you must complete a different language for AWC/DL due to the limited amount of content available. You will not be able to “continue where you left off” in another program.

General Program Description

The AWC/DL language elective uses Rosetta Stone to deliver exposure to one of the Air Force-designated strategic languages. The curriculum consists of a series of units and within each unit are multiple lessons which focus on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. To successfully complete and receive credit for the Rosetta Stone elective, students must complete 100% of the lessons for at least eight (8) Units (two (2) Levels) of instruction.

Elective Requirements

AWC/DL has a limited number of Rosetta Stone licenses available. Therefore, students wishing to complete a language elective must apply for a license and will have a fixed timeframe from the time of notification of receiving a license to complete all requirements. You must apply for a Rosetta Stone license within two (2) months of elective enrollment and you will only have your remaining elective time to complete the language elective. At the end of the license period, the license will be deactivated and made available to another AWC student. Note that there are **no extensions** available for the Rosetta Stone elective under any circumstances and “warning” e-mails will not be sent to you before your license is deactivated at the end of your license period. **Failure to complete all requirements within the license timeframe will result in an “Unsatisfactory” grade for your first elective attempt.**

Enrolling in Rosetta Stone

To request a Rosetta Stone license, students must fill out the foreign language application [here](#). Prior to applying for an elective, please ensure the system you are using meets the requirements to run the Rosetta Stone application. Additionally, run the system check from the Elective Menu to ensure you have all the required components available. If you do not meet all the requirements, please ensure you get these issues corrected prior to applying for a license. Failure to do so will result in you losing time to complete your elective because when you apply and are accepted, the license timeframe begins.

When you complete and submit the enrollment application (see Figure 1), the application will be sent to AWC/DL Student Support. If there are licenses available, you will be registered within 48 hours of your application (except on weekends/holidays). You will receive a confirmation e-mail from AWC/DL Student Support and Rosetta Stone at the e-mail address provided in the application with your login credentials and the Internet address to access the application.

If we do not have licenses available, you will be notified at the e-mail address provided in the application that licenses are not available and required to choose another elective.

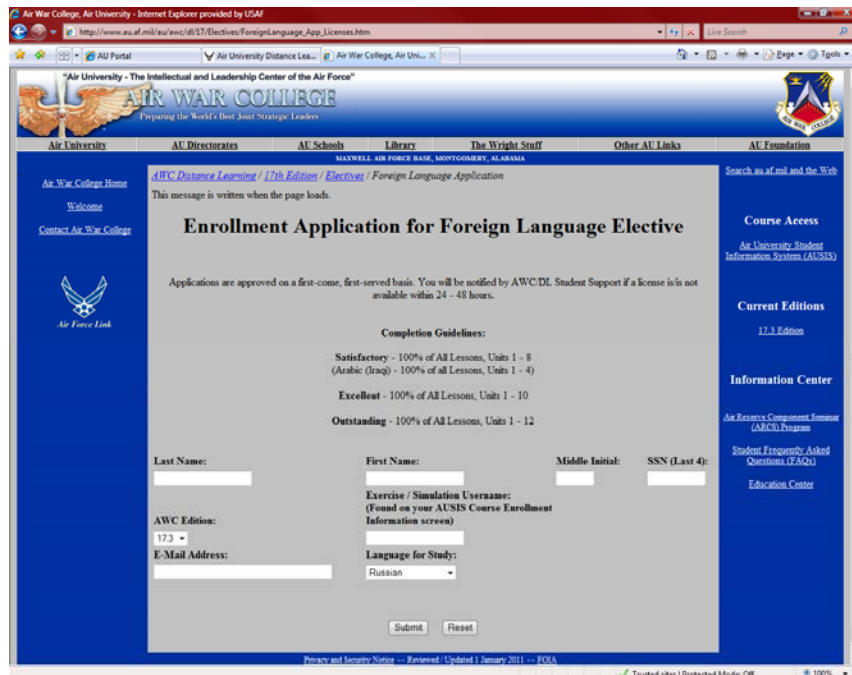
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Enrollment Application for Foreign Language Elective' page. The page has a blue header with the Air War College logo and navigation links. The main content area is white and contains the application form. The form includes fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'Middle Initial', and 'SSN (Last 4)'. Below these are 'AWC Edition' (set to 17.3) and 'E-Mail Address'. There are also fields for 'Exercise / Simulation Username' and 'Language for Study' (set to Russian). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom of the form. The right sidebar contains links for 'Course Access', 'Current Editions', and 'Information Center'. The footer of the page mentions 'Privacy and Security Notice' and 'Updated 1 January 2011'.

Figure 1 – Rosetta Stone Enrollment Application

Setting Up Rosetta Stone

Once you receive confirmation that you have received a Rosetta Stone license, you are ready to begin studying your new language! But there are some configuration settings that need to be completed before getting to your first lesson. Figure 2 shows a screen shot of the AWC Rosetta Stone home page. You may find it useful to quickly scan the Quick Start Guide located below the login block. Additionally, the “First Time Users” link provides some background on the philosophy of dynamic immersion that is used to teach language along with the ability to do a system check on your system to ensure you have all the components to successfully access all course content.



Figure 2 – Rosetta Stone Login Screen

When you are ready to begin your elective, enter your username and password provided in the e-mail sent to you. You will be taken to a screen that looks similar to Figure 3. This screen allows you to select the language you are going to study. Scroll down to select your desired language – Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Spanish (Spain), Russian, Pashto, Dari, Urdu, Swahili, Indonesian, and Arabic (Iraqi).

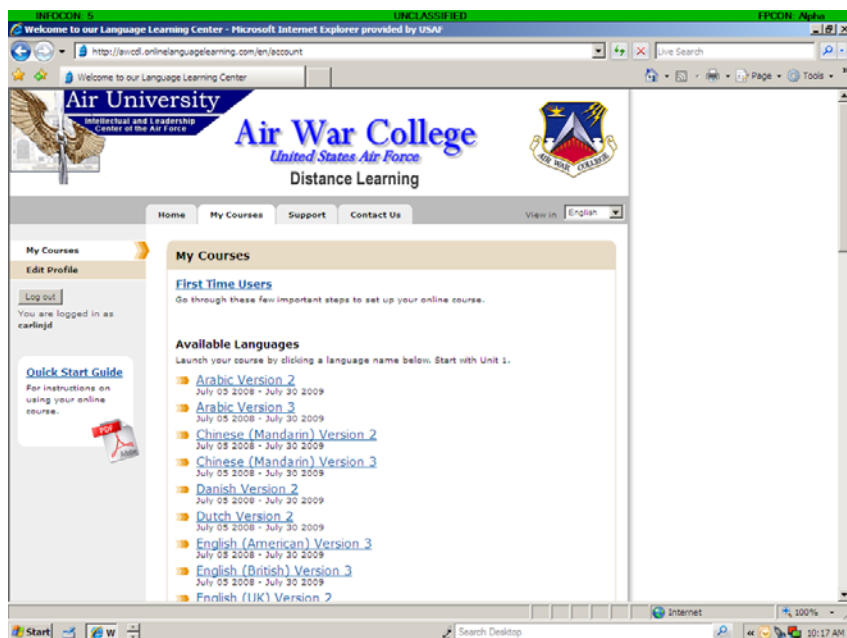


Figure 3 – Available Languages Screen

Once you select your desired language, you will be directed to a screen to launch the application as shown in Figure 4. Click the “Launch Rosetta Stone” button to begin. If your system is not fully enabled to complete the language requirements, you will receive information on what components are not compatible.

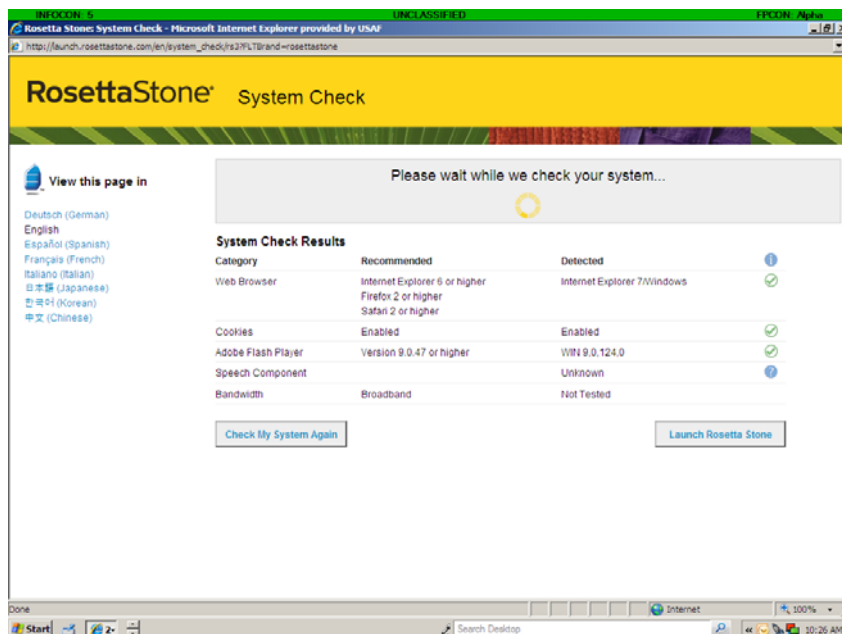


Figure 4 – System Check Screen

Confirm your desired language and highlight the Level 1 option and click the ”Continue” button as shown at Figure 5.

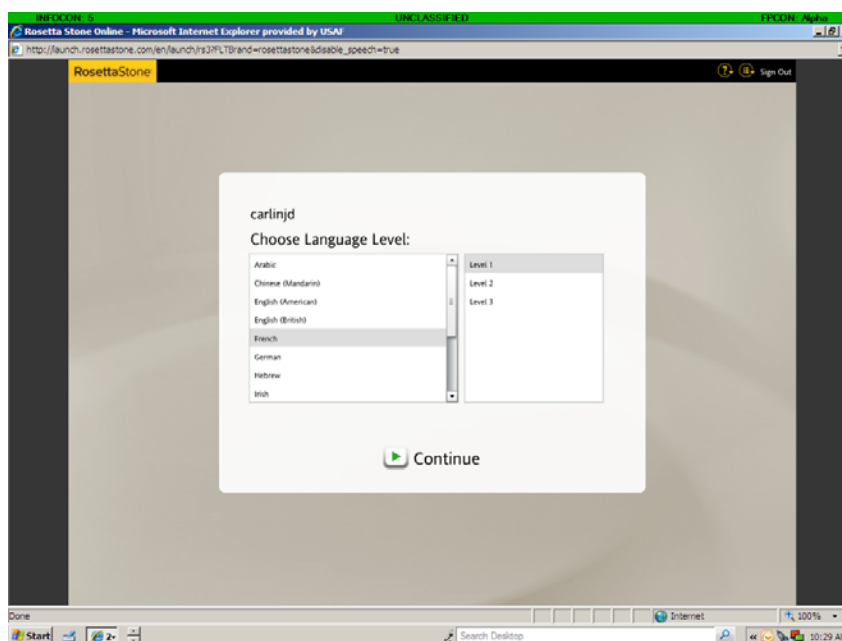


Figure 5 – Language Level

You will be directed to a screen to select the activities you wish to study. For the AWC Rosetta Stone language elective, you are required to complete Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening activities. **You must select the recommended setting or highlight the “Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening” option and click the “Next” button as indicated below in Figure 6.**

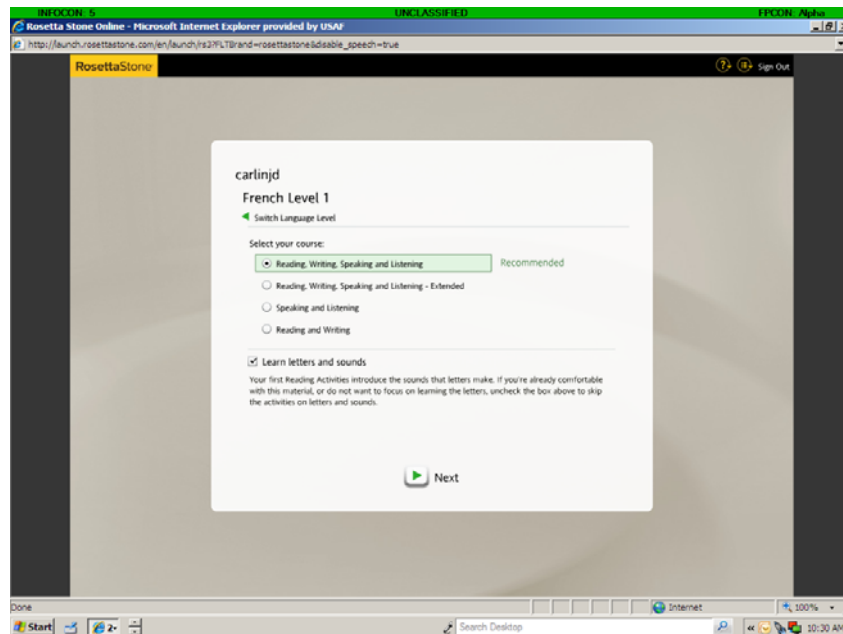


Figure 6 – Language Study Options

This completes all of the required setup activities for your AWC Rosetta Stone elective. You will only need to accomplish the setup steps once. In subsequent logins, you will be directed to the Rosetta Stone main menu shown in Figure 7 after login.

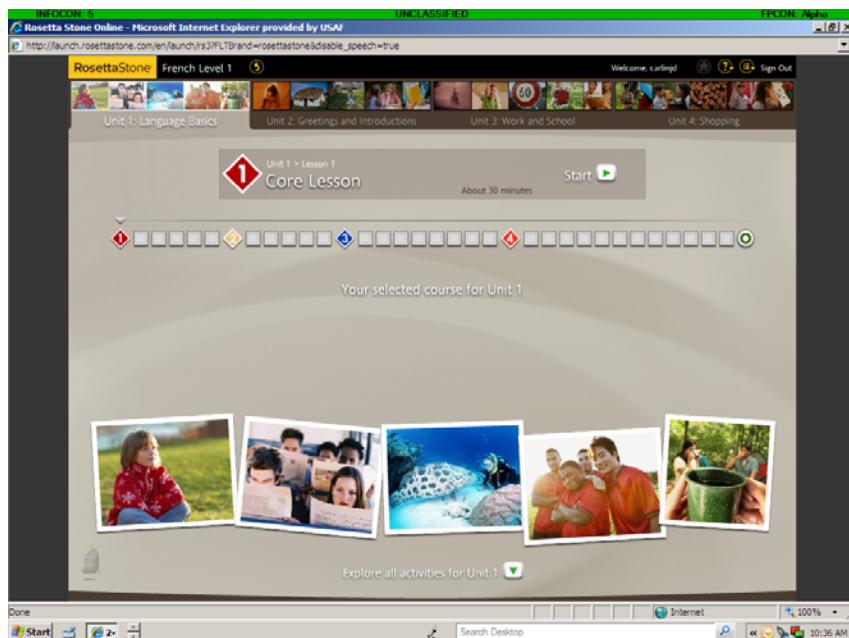


Figure 7 – Main Menu

Completing Rosetta Stone

Once your setup is complete, you are ready to begin the lessons. Figure 7 shows the lessons that must be completed in Unit 1. Rosetta Stone is organized as follows:

- Each Level is comprised of 4 Units of instruction
- Each Unit of instruction has 4 Lessons
- Each Lesson has a variety of activities.

As you complete an activity, you will receive a check mark indicating that lesson has been successfully completed. To complete an activity, you must achieve a target score. Failure to achieve the target score will result in not achieving the necessary level of proficiency for that activity and you will need to re-accomplish the activity. You will know if you have not achieved the target score if you do not see a check mark on the menu (Figure 7). For your information, the target scores for each type of activity are shown at Figure 8. When you have completed a Unit, you will have a check mark in every block in Figure 7. As a reminder, you will need to complete a minimum of 8 Units of instruction to achieve a “Satisfactory” grade for your Rosetta Stone elective. If you choose to complete the Arabic (Military) language, you must complete 4 Units of instruction for a “Satisfactory” grade.

Score required to achieve 'Complete' in each type of activity:

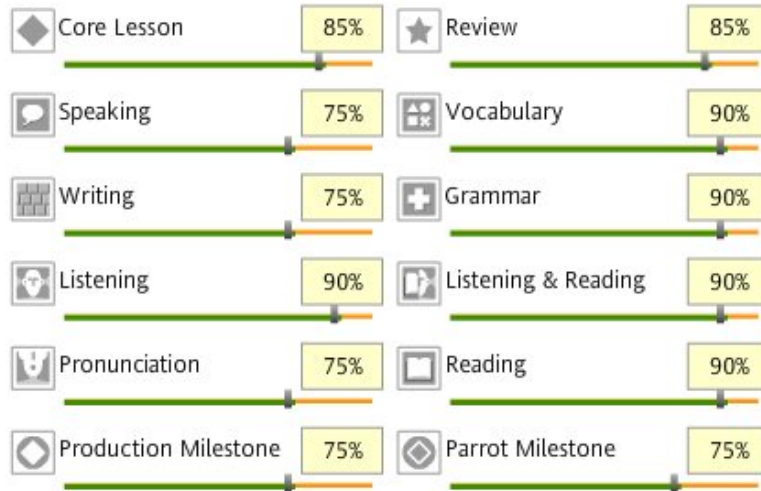


Figure 8 – Target Scores for Activities

To begin an activity, click on the “Start” button as shown in Figure 7. As you progress through a lesson, you can see your progress along the bottom of the screen. Each successfully completed activity component will be shown in green as seen in Figure 9. If you did not correctly respond to a component, it would be displayed with a red marking. These markings are used to determine your overall score for the activity.

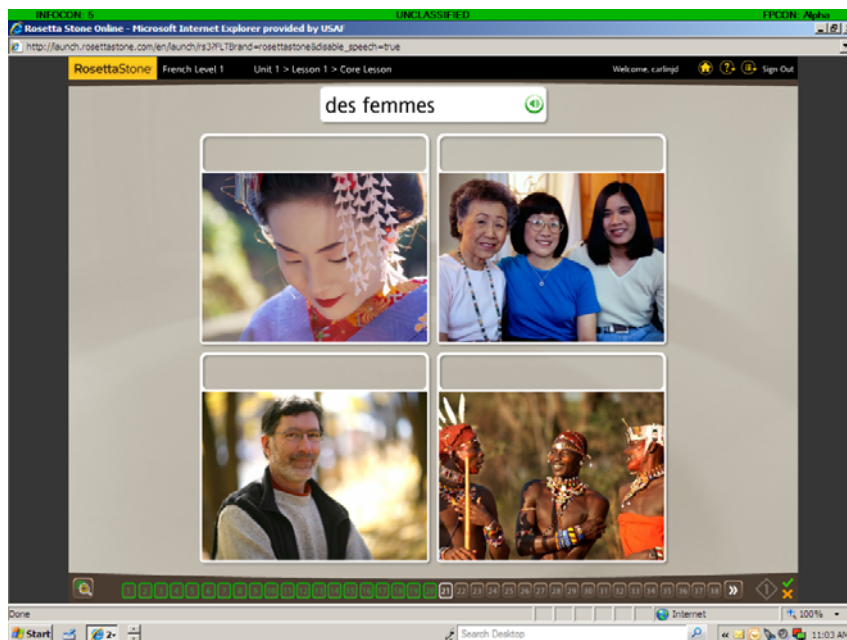


Figure 9 – Activity Progress

When you complete a lesson, you will see the score you achieved as shown in Figure 10. If it meets or exceeds the scoring requirement for that lesson type, you will successfully complete the lesson and the check mark will appear in your status as shown in Figure 11.

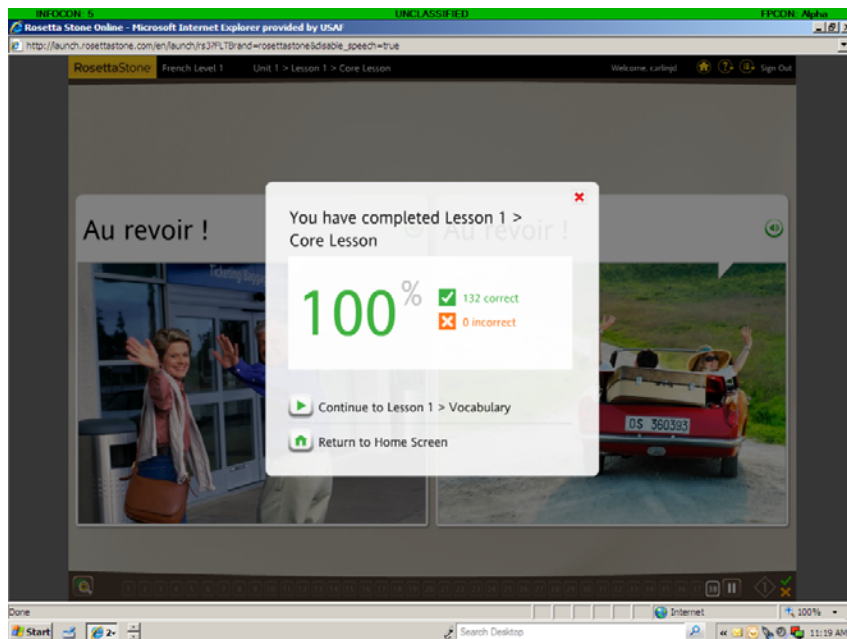


Figure 10 – Lesson Achievement

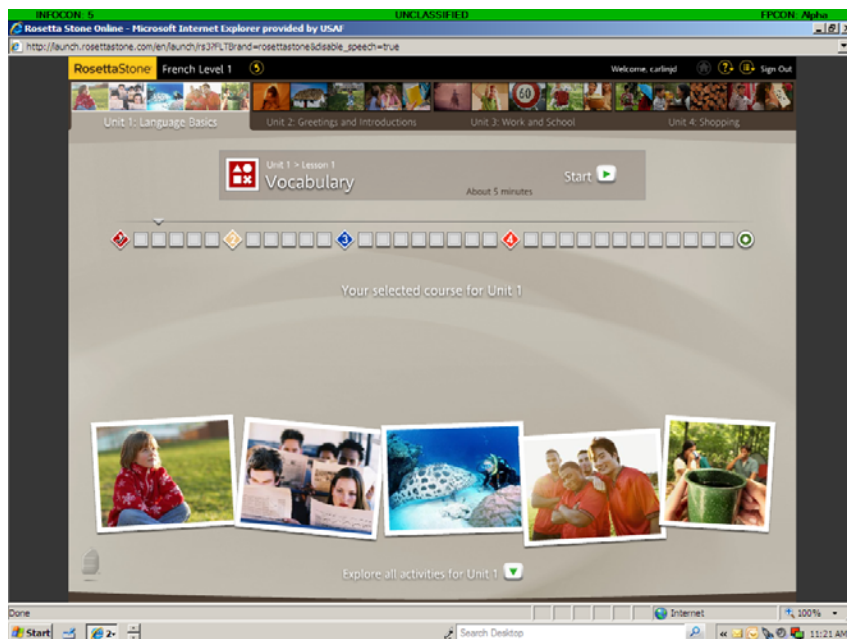


Figure 11 – Completed Lesson

When you complete all the lessons in a given unit, your status will be displayed with check marks in each of the lessons as shown in Figure 12. You must have check marks in all of the blocks to receive credit for the unit.

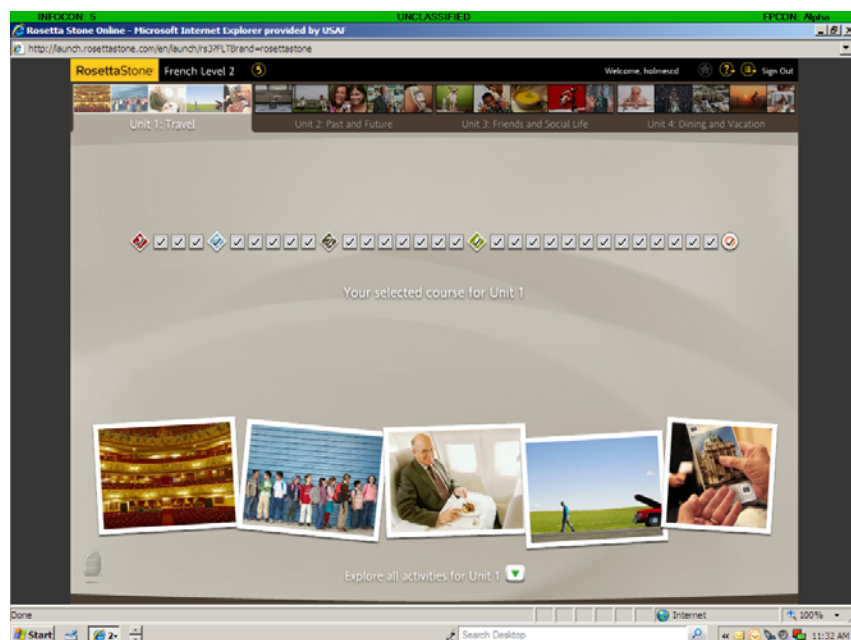


Figure 12 – Completed Unit

Completing Your Rosetta Stone Elective

After you have completed the required units in Rosetta Stone (8 Units – Satisfactory, 10 Units – Excellent, 12 Units – Outstanding), you need to send an e-mail to [Student Support](#) to advise completion of all requirements for the elective. We will validate that you have completed 100% of the lessons in each of the Units, mark you complete for the elective, and enroll you in your next course (Foundations of Strategy). If we do not show that you have completed 100% of all the Units, we will advise you what lessons are not showing complete and you will have to ensure those lessons are complete before passing the elective.

Problems and Issues

Overall, the Rosetta Stone software is a very user-friendly program. However, our experience has shown that some students are confused by certain aspects of the program. This section highlights some of the more common questions and concerns students have raised. If you experience problems not covered here, please contact [Student Support](#) and we will assist or provide guidance in getting any issue resolved.

Adaptive Recall

The Rosetta Stone philosophy is to build on language as you learn. As a result, the learning will involve activities to review and recall earlier language skills as you learn new ones. As you progress to new Lessons, Rosetta Stone includes earlier Activities with new ones to reinforce language skills. Rosetta Stone also provides periodic reviews. This process, called Adaptive Recall, schedules review material to reappear at an optimal time to help move language to your long-term memory. As you master the language, Adaptive Recall appears at longer intervals. After completing reviews and adaptive recall activities, you will see a screen similar to Figure 13. However, this does not mean that you have completed a particular unit or lesson. This is just status of that particular activity. If you receive a screen such as Figure 13, click on the “Skip all Recall Activities for this session” button to continue your elective.



Figure 13 – Adaptive Recall

Congratulations!

Another area for potential confusion to AWC students is when a screen such as displayed in Figure 14 appears. This screen is programmed to appear when you successfully complete the Milestone activity at the end of a level. This marks the end of the level but it may, or may not, indicate completion of all activities for all the units. AWC requires you to complete 100% of all activities for all lessons and units. The only way to verify this is to return to the main unit menu and validate that all boxes are checked as shown in Figure 12.

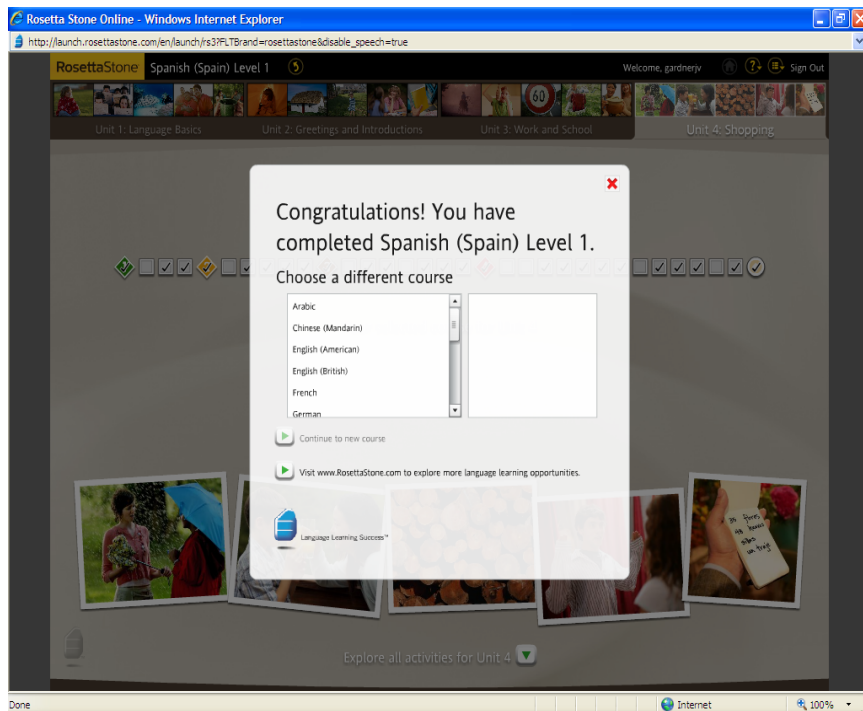


Figure 14 – Completion of a Level

Writing

Some students have experienced problems with the writing activities. In these activities, you are given a keyboard where you need to type in the correct information. The challenge here is to ensure when you are completed writing your response you need to click the “enter” button which contains the “green checkmark and the red x” as shown in Figure 15.

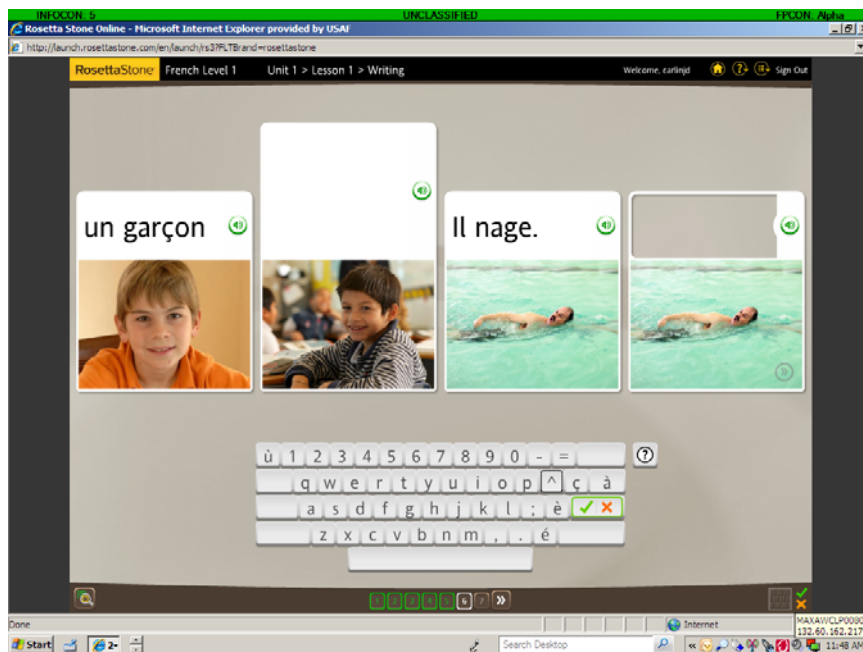


Figure 15 – Writing Activity

Technical Configuration Challenges

As technology continues to move forward, users can experience some technical problems if using leading edge components. For example, Internet Explorer 9 Beta was released. While Rosetta Stone has staff that works new technology and compatibility with their current products, sometimes there are unexpected results. If you do experience problems with operating your Rosetta Stone program, please contact AWC/DL and we will attempt to address and resolve the issue. In some situations, we will need to refer you to the Rosetta Stone technical support help desk. These professionals have been extremely helpful in resolving configuration issues that students have experienced in the past.

Speech Recognition Component

If you wish to work on your Rosetta Stone using your government issued computer, you likely will need to install a Rosetta Stone Speech Recognition component. This component has recently been approved by the Air Force to be installed on government computers. Your local Client Support Administrator (CSA) will likely need to be contacted to install this component on your government-issued computer. Additionally, you will need to ensure you have the microphone capability enabled on your computer to complete the speech lessons.

Summary

Rosetta Stone provides an outstanding opportunity to allow the AWC/DL student to be exposed to a foreign language designated as strategic interest by the Air Force Chief of Staff. Air University has purchased a limited number of licenses to be made available to students. Please ensure you have met all the technical requirements before applying for a license. Failure to do so may reduce the amount of time available for you to complete the elective as we only provide the license for six (6) months, or the time remaining on your elective, with no extensions provided.

We hope you enjoy your language elective and please let us know if there are any questions or concerns you have by contacting [Student Support](#).